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CITY OF WATERTOWN CONTINUES TRAIL ENHANCEMENT IN THOMPSON PARK

The City of Watertown is continuing a trail enhancement project in partnership with NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the Student Conservation Association (SCA). SCA workers and City Parks and Recreation Department Staff will continue trail enhancement work near the corner of Thompson Boulevard and Gotham Street in an effort to improve trail access for the public. This project is a follow up to work conducted in early October, in which SCA staff created a trailhead at this intersection to allow for improved user access.

This project was spearheaded by the non-profit group, Friends of Thompson Park, who has made the enhancement of existing trails and the addition of new trails a priority in an effort to improve access to underutilized areas of Thompson Park.

Thompson Park was designed in the early 20th Century by John and Fredrick Law Olmsted Jr., sons of Frederick Law Olmsted, who design New York City's Central Park and many other grand parks throughout the United States and Canada.

Trail improvement operations will take place Thursday, October 29 – Friday, October 30, and are expected to resume during the month of November.

For further information or questions, please contact the City's Planning and Community Development Department at (315) 785-7741 or Friends of Thompson Park Chairman, Phillip Sprague, at (315) 778-1237.